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EMBASSY SEES ADVANTAGES IN MAKING STUDY AT THIS TIME OF  
POSSIBLE ALLIED COUNTER HARASSMENTS IN RESPONSE SOVIET  
OR EAST GERMAN MOVES AGAINST ALLIED ACCESS BERLIN.  
 WHILE REFTEL DOES NOT INDICATE IN ANY DETAIL  
 TYPES OF MEASURES WE HAVE IN MIND, APPEARS OBVIOUS THAT  
 UK AND OTHER ALLIES WOULD WANT EXAMINE WITH GREAT CARE  
 AND IN CRITICAL SPIRIT PROS AND CONS ANY SPECIFIC ACTION.  
 IN VIEW MANIFEST UNCERTAINTIES REGARDING TYPES OF  
 HARASSMENT SOVIETS MAY EMPLOY AND UNCERTAINTY REGARDING  
 CLIMATE OF WORLD OPINION AT TIME OF SUCH ACTIONS APPEARS  
 DESIRABLE AS FIRST STEP CONFINED EXERCISE TO EFFORT  
ESTABLISH WHAT WEAPONS WE HAVE IN OUR ARSENAL WHICH CAN  
BE EMPLOYED AS COUNTER MEASURES AGAINST SOVIETS.  
WOULD NOT THINK IT PROFITABLE AT THIS TIME TO SEEK TO  
NATCH THESE COUNTER MEASURES AGAINST SPECIFIC SOVIET  
ACTIONS. CERTAINLY STUDY OF THIS CHARACTER WOULD  
 PRESENT FEWER DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING BRITISH AND  
 ALLIED COOPERATION IN DETERMINING JUST WHAT ACTIONS BY  
 WEST ARE FEASIBLE AND OF MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS.

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